

RemarksI. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciate the allowance of Claims 8-16.

II. Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to Claims 21 and 23 under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being improper multiple dependent claims depending on another multiple dependent claim. In response, Applicant has amended Claims 19 (on which Claim 21 depends) and Claim 23 to remove this deficiency.

III. Rejection Based on 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 22 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has canceled this claim without prejudice or disclaimer.

IV. Rejection Based on 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

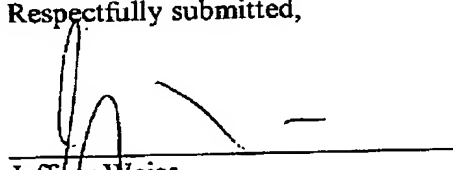
In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 17 and 19-20 as being indefinite with respect to the term "high concentration silane." In response, and in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has canceled Claim 17 – which is the only one of these three claims that contains this term – without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant has also amended Claim 19, which was previously a multiple dependent claim dependent on Claim 8 or 17, to only depend on Claim 8.

In conclusion, Applicant respectfully submits that this Amendment, including the amendments to the Specification and Claims and in view of the Remarks offered in conjunction therewith, is fully responsive to all aspects of the objections and rejections tendered in the Office Action. Applicant therefore earnestly solicits the issuance of a Notice of Allowance with respect to Claims 8-16, 18-21, and 23.

If there are any additional fees incurred by this Amendment, please deduct them from our Deposit Account No. 23-0830.

Respectfully submitted,

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